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SUBJECT: VICE MINISTER YANG'S VISIT

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG VISITED WASHINGTON AUGUST 18-19. DURING HIS STAY, YANG MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL, ATTENDED LUNCHEON HOSTED BY HUMMEL, HELD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER HOSTED BY EA/ROC DIRECTOR LEVIN. ROC EMBASSY HAS TOLD US YANG WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH HUMMEL, YANG COMMENTED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS AMERICAN OPINION HAD MOVED IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO THE ROC. HE SAID THAT, WHILE AMERICANS HAD NOT REJECTED NORMALIZATION WITH THE MAINLAND, THERE HAD BEEN MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS IN RECENT MONTHS ON THE NEED TO ACHIEVE NORMALIZATION WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE ROC. YANG SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE WORDING OF THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM, WHICH HE BELIEVED ACCURATELY

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REFLECTED THIS SHIFT IN AMERICAN OPINION.

3. HUMMEL REITERATED TO YANG THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS COMMITTED TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION WITH THE

PRC. HE NOTED THAT, DESPITE PRESS SPECULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THERE WAS NO TIMETABLE NOR FORMAT ESTABLISHED FOR NORMALIZATION. HUMMEL ADDED THAT REDUCTIONS IN OUR MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN WOULD CONTINUE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. WHEN YANG ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD ANY CURRENT PLANS TO VISIT THE PRC, HE WAS TOLD NO.

4. YANG EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS TOUR THROUGH LATIN AMERICA. DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, YANG WAS RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND PERU. YANG SAID HE HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET IN CHILE AND ARRANGED FOR GENERAL AUGUSTO LEIGH, THE AIR FORCE MEMBER OF THE JUNTA, TO VISIT THE ROC THIS OCTOBER. YANG SAID THAT HE HAD MET QUIETLY WITH THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AND FINANCE IN PERU AND WAS HOPEFUL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PERU UNDER ITS NEW GOVERNMENT.

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